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NAMES IN THE NEWS



J. W. Woodward, recently arrived in Aruba, succeeds J. M. E. Koward as manager of Lago's Marine Department. Following his release from the Army in 1920, he went to work for Standard on the docks at Bayonne. From there he was transferred to the New York office where he rose to be Chief of Standard's Port Operations in New York. In March 1945 he went to Panama under the War Shipping Board as Chief of Tanker Operations in the Canal Zone area. After finishing that job he returned to New York for a short time before coming to Aruba.

No, it's not a character on his way to a masquerade, it's Jerry Littmann, formerly of the Training Division and now in Saudi Arabia. He writes that he has had some very interesting experiences in Arabia and has learned much of the Arab way of life. The climate, he says, is not what the average person thinks of it as being; Arabia can get very cold at times. The garb affected in this picture is not through choice, but because European clothes worn in the town where he was at the time would have caused a sensation. The camp where he is now stationed at Dhahran is much like Lago Colony, with bungalows of a similar design, club, mess hall, and athletic facilities (and less exotic clothes).



No shonnan, esaki no ta un invitado na un fiesta di disfraz, ta Jerry Littmann, cu tabata traha na Training Division y cu avor ta na Saudi Arabia. E ta skirbi cu e tabatin algun experiencia masha interesante na Arabia y cu el a sinja hopi di modanan di biba di Arabia. E clima, e ta bisa, no ta loque generalmente hendenan ta kere; tin bisha Arabia sa ta masha frioe. E panja cu e tin bisti, no ta pa su smaak, ma ta pasobra panjanan Europeo lo causa un sensacion den e stad caminda el a saka e portret.

A visitor this month is Bettina Steinke, right, well-known New York artist, who has done portraits of Arturo Toscanini, General Eisenhower, and other world-famous figures. One of several works she has done while here is the portrait shown below of Karel Ponson, sailmaker at the Drydock. Done in charcoal, it was completed in about two hours. For a picture of the artist and subject "at work" see page 5.



E luna aki nos tabatin bishita di Bettina Steinke, artista mashá conoci di New York, cu a yega di pinta portret di Arturo Toscanini, General Eisenhower, y hopi otro figuranan prominente di mundo. Aki bao nos ta mira algo di su trabao durante su estadia na Aruba; portret di Karel Ponson, cosedor di bela na Dry dock. El a pinta e portret cu charcoal y den dos ora di tempo el a kabé. Riba pagina 5 nos por mira un portret di e artista cu Karel Ponson, mientras cu e portret tabata worde pintá.



Oil Sales to Spain In War Were Part of Allied War Strategy

During the war years when Spanish tankers frequently loaded oil at Lago's Docks, employees were likely to wonder what sort of arrangement permitted products from Allied sources to be sold to an Axis sympathizer. Occasionally doubts were expressed that all the oil reached Spain or was used there. That these deliveries were a carefully-planned Allied strategy, however, is revealed in an authoritative article in a recent issue of "World Petroleum".

Spain, situated between the belligerent powers, wanted both peace and oil. But she was in an awkward position, with the Axis on one side and the well supplied Allied powers on the other.

Franco was indebted to the Axis. It had helped to make him Spain's dictator. Franco also realized that he was dependent upon Britain and America for his all-important oil. Without oil the explosive and oppressed Spaniards, prodded by Axis agents, might have started another civil war. The Germans, then on the Spanish-French frontier, could have used this as a reason to step in and "maintain order".

With the Germans encircling the British stronghold, Gibraltar, the western entrance to the Mediterranean would have been closed to Allied shipping and the Axis would have been completely free to overrun North Africa and the Middle East. This would have cut Malta's supply lines. The Axis could have moved on to Egypt and effectively closed the remaining Mediterranean entrance, the Suez Canal. Pushing farther on to the east and north, the extensive Middle East oilfields, refineries and pipelines would have ceased supplying the Allied armies in Europe, Africa and the Pacific.

Franco realized his controlling position. On the other hand he knew that if he did not get American petroleum he would soon have chaos in his still

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Aruba is Scene of Technical Meeting After Miami Conference

Members of the Coordination Committee of S. O. Co. (N. J.) and representatives of affiliated companies in the Western Hemisphere met in Miami, Florida February 8 to 14. The meeting was devoted primarily to discussion and an exchange of views on Latin-American problems of refining, manufacturing, and marketing. Attending from Aruba were J. J. Horigan, B. Teagle, O. Mingus, and J. M. Whiteley.

Opening the sessions, Chester F. Smith, Jersey director and conference chairman, declared "We are here to plan a broad program of industrial progress. What we do and decide can be a contribution to the future opportunity, in a world today filled with confusion and questioning, to show how industrial progress can be made through cooperation and mutual understanding".

Following the Miami meetings a number of the officials came to Aruba to join local forces for conferences on technical problems February 18 and 19. Among visitors who attended the meetings here were Lago executive W. J. Haley, W. J. Connelly of Creole Petroleum Corp., R. L. Dunsmore and E. Longworthy of International Petroleum, G. Colpitts of Tropical Oil, J. T. Houghton of the Standard Oil Company of Cuba, and J. R. Schonberg and E. H. Kares of the Standard Oil Development Company. Creole Petroleum's H. Page from New York, Henry Winter from Caracas, and Charles Drew from Maracaibo complete the list of visiting conferees.

JANUARY was a fruitful month for "Coin Your Ideas" suggestors. Awards that totalled Fls. 395 were presented to the various winners, who turned in an even dozen usable ideas. This was the highest amount to be paid out in several months.

Tops among the January winners were H. A. Lambertson of the Machinists and E. Tjin-Kam-Jet of Light Oils Finishing. Each received Fls. 100 for his suggestion. Next highest on the list was R. K. Imler of the Pressure Stills, who received Fls. 50. Other awards ranged from Fls. 10 to Fls. 30. The complete list:

H. A. Lambertson, Fls. 100.00, suggested pipe connection on pumps No. 957 and 1492.

Considerable difficulty, experienced with salvaged pumps Nos. 957 & 1942, was eliminated by the installation of a lantern ring and pipe connection to the suction. As a result maintenance cost was reduced considerably and a saving of alkylate, plus the elimination of a fire hazard, were realized.

Ray Imler, Fls. 50.00, connect air lines on oil burners to splitter and debutanizer furnace - LEAR.

Connecting the air lines on oil burners to splitter and debutanizer furnace at LEAR insures continued operation of the oil burners in the event of a blower failure.

R. Hartogh, Fls. 15.00, remove present elbow connections on feed drum gauge glasses and install tee connections with plugs - IAR.

Installing tee connections instead of elbow connections on feed drum gauge glasses at IAR made it easier to keep the gauge glasses clean.

Oscar Lanyi, Fls. 15.00, suggested fire fighting facilities in Colony Commissary area.

As a result of this idea the fire fighting equipment in the Colony Commissary area was relocated to a more centralized point.

Mrs. Z. Soffar, Fls. 10.00, post safety posters in company operated busses.

Safety posters have been placed in the company-operated busses as a result of this idea.

Harry Sukhdeo, Fls. 30.00, apparatus for testing hair pin tubes for bundles.

An apparatus designed for testing hairpin tubes was successfully used and resulted in a small saving to the Company.

Edw. Stanley, Fls. 10.00, attach stationary bottle openers to tables - Esso Club.

Attaching stationary bottle openers to the tables in the Esso Club will be of convenience to the Club patrons.



Des Piscador a Salba Despues Di a drief 11 Dia Riba Lamar

Dos piscador tin di gradici nan bida na steward di e tanker Fort Henry. Leo Flymm a ripará un punta blanco riba lamar meimei di Curaçao y costa di Sur America y el a reportá esaki unbez cerca captan y di e moda aki el a ser salvador di e dos piscadornan.

Tabata mas o menos 6'or di atardi, dia 5 di Februari, ora nan a mira e obheto blanco ta drief na un distanci hopi leeuw, pero pa via di mal tempo nan a perdé foi bista. Despues nan a bolbe miré y e tanker a bai den es direccion pa investigá A bin resultá cu tabata un barco di bela di 25 pia, cu dos piscador masha fligi aden. Na e momento ey lamar tabata masha bruto y e olanan enorme a haci salbamento di e dos hombernan masha difiicil. Porfin e promé officier di e tanker a logra tira un cabuya pa e hombernan y nan a bin abordo di Fort Henry, unda nan a pone nan subi cama drumi unbez. E poberman tabata sufri consecucionan di exposicion na naturaleza, nan tabata tur muhá y nan tabata tembla di frioe y nan tabatin masha sed, pues tur awa cu nan tabatin a caba algun dia promé. E marineronan di e tanker a trata di touw e barco, pero lamá tabata asina bruto cu e cabuya a kibra y e barco a zink.

E dos naufragonan a indentificá nan mes como Marcelino Leito di Curaçao y Johannes Margarita di Bonaire. Nan di cu nan a sali di Curaçao dia 25 di Januari pa nan pisca, pero cu nan a perde nan curso y como nan no tabatin compás, nan no tabata sabi unda nan tabata. Ora cu nan a salba e dos hombernan, un di nan no tabatin ningun paña bisti, y e otro tabatin solamente su carson. Nan a trece e naufragonan Aruba y esakinan tabata masha contento cu nan a scapa nan bida.

Henry Amoroso, Fls. 25.00, notification of contamination of food stuffs.

This idea called attention to the fact that a definite hazard existed by the handling of poisonous cargoes due to lack of advance information to parties concerned with loading, storing etc. As a result of this idea steps were taken to eliminate this.

E. R. Mofford, Fls. 10.00, suggested elimination of fire hazard at Colony Shops.

As a precaution against fire, it was suggested to install a rack, in the shed west of the delouser at the Colony shops, to store drop-cloth. This was not done, but a "No Smoking" sign was put up.

E. Tjin-Kon-Fat, Fls. 10.00, install fire extinguisher in T.S.D. vault.

As a result of this idea a fire extinguisher was installed near the T.S.D. vault entrance and will serve both vault and adjacent blueprint room in case of fire. In addition the vault was made a "No-Smoking" area and it was decided to install an extinguisher in the Field Engineers' office.

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The squirrel population of Aruba is notably small. In fact, Willemfridus Bool of Accounting believes it totals exactly one, the one shown eating out of his hand. The squirrel was brought to Aruba from Venezuela a couple of years ago, and has lived ever since in the huge tree that grows in Bool's "Winter Garden" in San Nicolas. (Biggest tree in Aruba, says Bool, and he's probably right). Every evening at about the same time the squirrel comes down for a little hand-feeding from its owner.

Ardillanan ta masha scars na Aruba. W. Bool di Accounting ta kere cu ta esun riba e portret aki sò tin. Algun anja pasá nan a trecé di Venezuela y semper el a biba den e mata cu tin den "Winter Garden" di Bool na San Nicolaas. Tur atardi e ardilla ta baha pa e come foi man di su donjo.



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To see the back of your car disappearing down the street, with someone at the wheel who shouldn't be there, is not a very reassuring sight.

It can happen though. A key left in a car is all a "borrower" needs to be off on his merry way — with your car. A key left in the ignition is an invitation for someone to borrow the car and under certain circumstances this can be serious. Borrowed automobiles have a way of getting themselves into trouble and trouble is a good thing to avoid.

If you should leave your key in the car and it gets itself "borrowed" you haven't a kick in the world because it is against the law and besides it is a foolish thing to do.

To leave a key in a parked car does not seem like a very serious or dangerous thing to do. However, the consequences that could arise from irresponsible persons taking advantage of it have prompted police ordinances making it unlawful to leave a car parked without removing the ignition key in such large cities as St. Paul, Kansas City, Minneapolis, and Detroit. Not only is it unlawful but the police take the key and it costs the owner \$5.00 to get it back.

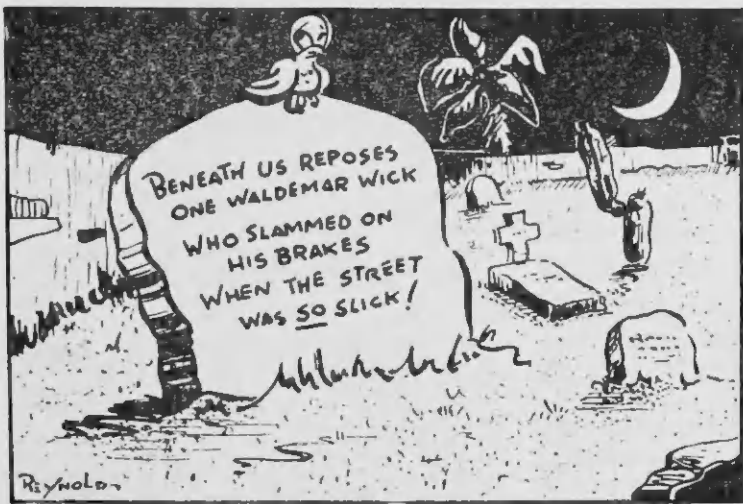
In Aruba there is a similar police ordinance. Whether your car is in front of a club or store or out on a lonely road, it's a good law to follow.

No ta ningun pret pa bo mira bo auto ta dobla skina cu un hende na wiel, cu no ta pertenece ey. Toch esaki por socedé. Laga bo yabi den auto y esey ta tur loque un „Fiador" mester pa e bai keiru un poco — cu bo auto. Casi semper automobilnan fiá ta haya nan den tróubel, y tróubel ta un cos cu mas leeuw e keda, mihor.

Si bo laga bo yabi den bo auto y si nan „fié" bo no tin ningun sorto di derecho pasobra ta contra ley di laga un auto para cu yabi aden y ademas ta cos di hende bobo.

Laga yabi den auto no ta parce nada serio ni peligroso. Sinembargo, e consecuecianan cu por worde causá pa hendenan sin cuenta di hendenan burachi, por resultá hopi serio. Den stadnan grandi no solamenta ta contra ley di laga yabi den auto, ma polies ta kita nan y e donjo mester paga \$5.00 pa e haya su yabi atrobe.

Na Aruba tambe tin un ley parecido. Sea cu bo auto ta dilanti un club of paces of riba un caminda solitario, esaki ta un ley cu lo combiní bo di sigui.



NEW ARRIVALS

- A son, Ernest Carl, to Mr. and Mrs. Alwin Klaverweide, January 23.
- A daughter, Margarita Lucia, to Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Geerman, January 25.
- A son, Glenn Rudi, to Mr. and Mrs. Victor van Windt, January 27.
- A daughter, Margriet, to Mr. and Mrs. Gustaaf De Jong, January 28.
- A son, George Eric, to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Wardally, January 28.
- A daughter, Velda De Louis, to Mr. and Mrs. James Matheson, January 29.
- A daughter, Cynthia Monelva, to Mr. and Mrs. John Martineau, January 29.
- A daughter, Duane Vesta, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gumbs, January 30.
- A son, Percy Franklin, to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ho, January 30.
- A son, Ferdinando Ephraim Xavier, to Mr. and Mrs. Dalby Lobban, January 31.
- A son, Bary Clark, to Mr. and Mrs. William Norris, January 31.
- A daughter, Eileen Victoria, to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Sutton-Thorpe, January 31.
- A son, Joseph Maria, to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Wellman, February 1.
- A daughter, Sheila Louise, to Mr. and Mrs. Stanislaus St. Jour, February 3.
- A daughter, Louvre Candida, to Mr. and Mrs. Pedro de Lange, February 4.
- A son, Russel David, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Post, February 4.
- A daughter, Brenda Angelica, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brown, February 5.
- A son, Fidelito Rudolph, to Mr. and Mrs. Fidelito Bebrout, February 7.
- A daughter, Margaret Rose, to Mr. and Mrs. Marius Del Prado, February 7.
- A daughter, Gloria Aditha, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marshall, February 9.

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unsettled country. The Americans and British also realized how close Spain was to being an Axis occupied and dominated state.

The American and British authorities jointly devised programs for supplying Spain and her colonies with the minimum economic requirement of industrial fuels, lubricants and other petroleum products. Maximum quantities of stocks allowed to be maintained in Spain were established. American petroleum observers, attached to the U.S. Embassy in Madrid, were stationed throughout the country and controlled the discharges, storage, distribution and end use of these products.

These restrictions controlled so effectively the Allied oil in Spain that, except in isolated instances of negligible quantities being contrabanded or black-marketed, no Allied oil found its way into Axis consumption. The Spanish authorities cooperated fully because they knew that if the Allies could prove one case of deliberate di-

version to enemy channels the supplies would immediately be cut off.

The controls exercised over the oil shipments from Spain were extensive. Each tanker loading was supervised by American authorities and a loading and inspection certificate of each cargo was sent to the American petroleum observer at the port of destination for checking the quantity of oil received in Spain against the quantity loaded in the Caribbean. All of the discharge valves of the tankers were sealed to make certain that there would be no tampering with the cargoes at sea, and the serial numbers of the seals were recorded in the loading and inspection certificates. Every precaution was taken to make certain that enemy submarines in the Atlantic received none of the fuel. In addition to these control measures each cargo was navicerted by the British and each tanker underwent an official security control inspection of vessel and crew at Trinidad, both eastward and westward.

Tales that Spanish vessels refueled enemy submarines in the Atlantic never

Departmental Reporters

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Sattaur Bacchus	Instrument
Gordon Ollivierre	Electrical
Luciano Wever	Labor
Monwey Hirschfeld	Marine Office
Simon Geerman	Drydock
Iphill Jones	Receiving & Shipping
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Sam Viapree	L. O. F.
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Cade Abraham	Pipe
Jan Oduber	Welding
John Francisco	Colony Commissary
Jose La Cruz	Plant Commissary
Vanisha Vanterpool	Laundry
Ricardo Van Blaricum	Colony Service Office
Claude Bolah	Colony Shops
Hubert Ecury	Garage

(Stars after a name indicate that that reporter has turned in a tip for this issue).



The Plant reporters who help nose out the news are shown. Above, in the top row, are Jan Oduber of the Welding Shop, Hubert Ecury of the Garage, and Hugo de Vries of Accounting; second row, Sam Viapree of L.O.F., and Harold Wathey of the Lago Police Department. Below, the first row shows Cade Abraham of the Pipe Shop, and Jacinto de Kort of Laboratories 1 and 2; the bottom row shows Federico Ponson of Masons and Insulators, Bipat Chand of the Storehouse, and Vanisha Vanterpool of the Laundry.



Esso-News

Dr Robert C. Page, a medical officer in the Army Air Forces during World War II and assistant medical director of Standard Oil Company (N.J.), has been appointed general medical director of the Company, succeeding Dr. Willard J. Denno, its chief medical officer since 1918.



Dr. Page, who was born in England in 1908, came to the Company in 1939 from the staff of the Northwestern University Medical School.

Entering military service as a captain in 1942, Dr. Page was discharged three years later as a lieutenant colonel. He was command surgeon of the First Air Commando Force under Colonel Philip Cochran and served in the China-Burma-India theater where his force took part in the first air invasion of Burma.

Dr. Denno, who developed the Company's medical department from an office with one part-time physician to a world-wide organization having 11 hospitals and more than 150 physicians and 1,500 nurses and attendants, helped Jersey Standard to become one of the most advanced companies in the field of industrial medicine. He will continue with the Company as medical consultant.

In tribute to the men who played a part in the production of the atom bomb, Time Magazine, in a recent editorial entitled "The Men and The Bomb" singled out four men without whom the bomb might not have been made.

One of them was E. V. Murphree, vice-president of Standard Oil Development. To him was attributed the "persuasive ability, when anyone doubted that the bomb could be made, of making him (President Roosevelt) see the feasibility of the entire program."

Drilling operations in the Dominican Republic, suspended for nearly a year pending further seismograph and geologic study, are to be resumed by Dominican Seaboard Oil Company, an affiliate of Jersey Standard.

The Company was the first to conduct seismograph surveys in the Republic, and, with the resumption of drilling, will be the only company conducting these operations in the area.

had any verification. The precautions taken made any such action virtually impossible.

Although Spain needed our oil, the Allies were in need of many things which Spain could supply them. The United States needed tungsten. The British were dependent on Spain for iron ore, mercury, pyrites, potash, vegetables and fruits. For Germany, Spain was vitally important as a source of tungsten, zinc, wool and woolen goods, sheep and other skins, turpentine, cork, and olive oil.

The Germans needed wolfram much more desperately than the Allies. To prevent the Germans from getting it the Allies paid high prices for all they could get, and the Spaniards, realizing the motive for this buying which would tend to shut off Germany's wolfram supply, placed export taxes on it in addition to the exorbitant prices. To counterbalance these measures we doubled the prices on the refined petroleum products loaded by their tankers. Finally Franco rescinded the export taxes and we in turn discontinued the retaliatory 100 per cent overpricing of their gasoline and fuels.

The combination of the tight controls exercised and the threat of no more oil kept Spain in line, and every cargo they were allowed to take became part of a well planned strategy that paid dividends in the overall conduct of the war.

Cricket and Softball To Share Sport Park Grounds



Softball, a fizzle-dazzle sport packed with plenty of action, will soon take the field of the Sport Park, according to present plans. The picture, from one of last season's final games, shows a Victoria Club player in a close finish at home plate.

Softball, un wega yen di accion cu ta exigi hopi liherez, lo ta riba atrobe na Sport Park, segun piannan p oyecta. E portret aki ta saka durante un di e weganan final di e ultimo temporada, y riba dje nos ta mira un hungador di Club Victoria alcanzando "home plate".

The seasons change and so do the activities at the Sport Park as football bows out and softball and cricket make their entrance. These two sports will be played at the same time at the Sport Park this year and should provide plenty of thrills for the fans.

In meetings of the Sports Committee recently it was decided to run both the softball and cricket leagues with inter-departmental teams in competition. Assisting the Committee will be three men from each sport to coordinate the play. These men will be chosen by the captains and managers of the various teams.

The Committee consists of E. Huckleman, of the Dispensary, G. Ollivierre of Electrical, G. Lawrence of the Gas plant, J. Maduro of Accounting, B. Chand of the Storehouse, and M. Croes of Colony Service. The next issue of the Aruba Ezzo News will carry more details of the coming sports activities.

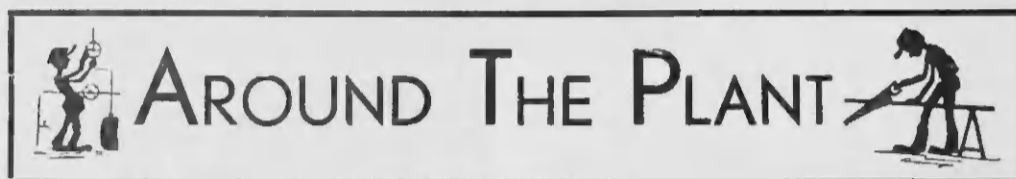
Rescue Lost Fishermen Adrift For Eleven Days

Two fishermen are alive today probably because of the sharp eyes of the Chief Steward of the tanker **Fort Henry**. Barely seeing a white spot on the rough water between Curaçao and the South American coast, Leo Flymm reported immediately to his captain what he had seen and in doing so became the saver of two men's lives.

As he was looking out over the churning water at about six o'clock in the evening on February 5, Steward Flymm saw through the gathering gloom a white object floating in the sea some distance off. He reported his discovery to the captain, but due to bad weather it was lost to view. Some time later it was sighted again and the tanker changed course to investigate. It turned out to be a twenty-five foot sail boat with two woebegone fishermen in it.

The sea at this time was very rough and twenty foot waves made the task of picking up the men difficult. The Chief Officer of the **Fort Henry** finally succeeded in getting a line to the exhausted men and they were taken aboard the tanker and immediately put to bed. They were suffering from exposure and thirst; they were wet and cold, and their water had given out a few days before. An attempt was made to tow their boat but it soon broke loose and sank.

The two unfortunates identified themselves as Marcelino Leito of Curaçao and Johannes Margarita of Bonaire. They said they had left Curaçao 11 days before on January 25 to fish but had lost their course, and not having a compass, did not know where they were. When they were picked up one had no clothes at all left and the other only his trousers. They were brought in to Aruba on February 6 and are thankful to be alive.



Jessie Pandt of the Esso Dining Hall was married to Horacio Gonzalez of the Accounting Office at the Methodist Church in San Nicolas on February 15. The bride was given a fine send-off by her fellow employees in the Dining Hall who presented her with some beautiful gifts. Among them were a wedding veil imported from the United States, a Swiss clock, and an entree dish and a candy stand, both of crystal with a silver edge. With the gifts went a scroll specially drawn by H. E. Garcia of Colony Service, wishing the couple every happiness. At the wedding ceremony Kelly Wong of the Storehouse sang "Oh Perfect Love".

Tali Lopez of the Garage, who sings with the Trovadores Tropicales (see page 5) went along with the Jong Holland football squad recently when they invaded Colombia.

Tali, who is to be gone two weeks, intended to try for a singing engagement on a Colombian radio station while there.

Azeez Bachhus of Number 3 Laboratory is back in Aruba after an eight week vacation in British Guiana. With him is his bride Tofa.

Staff Operater Alfred Viera of L.O.F. left his still and his radio repairs behind when he departed for Colombia on his long vacation on February 11. He intends to cover as much of the country as possible on his 10-week stay there. An old-timer among the British Guiana men, Alfred has been here upwards of eight years.

Shorthand will come easily to George Medica of the Esso Dining Hall now that he has completed a nine month course in Gregg shorthand. The course covered theory and speed and was taught by Sylvia Benjamin of San Nicolas. At the end of the course George was examined and passed by G. Blaize of the B. I. A. His certificate arrived from the States on February 12.

Winston Cenac, who works in the Process Control Division of T. S. D., knows a great deal more about electricity now than he did a couple of years ago. He has just received a diploma from the Industrial Training Institute, recognizing his graduation from their correspondence course in Theoretical and Applied Electricity. His studies extended over a period of a year and a half.

February brought several cricket matches to the Sport Park with the players getting themselves in tune for the coming league. On Sunday, February 3, Bernard Thomas' XI defeated

Sucursalan di Aruba Bank Y Hollandse Bank Estableci Na San Nicolaas, February 4

Aruba Bank y Hollandsche Bank a habri sucursales na San Nicolas dia 4 di Februari, y a yena di e moda ey un necesidad grandi pa empleadonan di Lago y pa actividadnan di negocio na San Nicolas.

Desde tempo di construccion na 1928 y 1929 te awe, San Nicolas a desarrollá continuamente como ciudad y establecimiento di e dos banconan ta un otro paso progresivo.

Viahenan cu ta tuma hopi tempo pa bai banco te na Oranjestad lo no ta necesario mas, pasobra tur transaccionnan bancario por wordé haci na e sucursalan. Tur dos ta localizá, no mucho leeuw di Main Gate.

Horanan di trabao di e banconan ta reglá di tal moda cu nan ta di mayor conveniencia pa empleadonan di Lago, cu horanan especial pa dianan di quincena.

Teddy Johnson's XI by 132 to 115, with a fine batting display by Worrel and Henstract. Cox exhibited some excellent bowling. In a match on February 10, the Grenada C. C. beat the Dominica C. C. by 179 to 69 and on the following week, February 17, Thomas' XI won over Perrotte's XI by a score of 100 to 74.

Of interest to employees from B. G. is the fact that during a recent geological survey in British Guiana, deposits of the radio-active mineral euxenite were found in the Kanuku mountains. This is the type of mineral from which the deadly atomic bombs are being made.

Employees Aided by Opening Of Two Banks in San Nicolaas

Branches of both the Aruba Bank and the Hollandsche Bank Unie were opened in San Nicolas February 4, filling a long-felt need for Lagoites and for business activities in the eastern half of Aruba. From the construction days of 1928 and 1929 to the present, San Nicolas has steadily developed as a community, and the establishment of the banks is a long and logical step in the process.

Time consuming trips to the Oranjestad banks will no longer be necessary, since all phases of banking can be transacted at the local branches. Both are conveniently located not far from the Main Gate.

Banking hours have been arranged for the greatest convenience of employees, including special hours in effect on paydays.

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E. Tjin-Kam-Jet, Fls. 100.00, proposed shift schedule.

A new shift schedule, put into effect on January 1, 1946, as a result of this idea, proved a definite improvement over the one adopted by Management, in that it more equitably distributes overtime necessary in connection with changes of days off.

J. A. Abrahams, Fls. 20.00, relocate air inlet valve to overhead air hoist at Foundry.

Relocating the air inlet valve to overhead air hoist at the Foundry eliminated a safety hazard.



Ideas Sent for Competition

Four suggestions that received "Coin Your Ideas" awards during 1944 were sent to New York this month to compete in the annual granting of Capital Awards. With ideas entered from all operations of the Company, the competition is keen for these awards, which range from \$100 to \$500.

The ideas submitted by the Lago "C. Y. I." Committee for consideration:

"Suggested use of code words for various refinery products in cables"; this idea paid Sam Viapree of Light Oils an initial award of Fls. 100, and a supplemental award of Fls. 25.

"Install dampers in main blower air ducts of Cottrell precipitator"; Robert MacMillan of Electrical received Fls. 100 for this idea.

"Suggested opening of Lago Bank Account in Curaçao"; the idea was worth Fls. 200 to Arie Gravendijk of the Accounting Office.

"Return 'Best' lock cores to manufacturer for reconditioning"; Ernest Tulloch of the Storehouse had an initial award of Fls. 35 for this suggestion, plus Fls. 45 as a supplemental award.

"Rain, rain, go away, come again some other day", says the nursery rhyme. That is exactly what it did this season. November and December, traditionally the wettest months of the year, in 1945 were comparatively bone-dry. January, 1946 was exactly average, but this month, ordinarily the beginning of the dry season, had pelted down nearly two inches in the first 18 days. The total record, as far back as it has been kept:

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
1929	1.26	Nil	Nil	0.53	Nil	0.23	Nil	0.20	0.63	4.47	2.22	2.63	7.73
1930	0.65	0.59	Nil	0.32	0.69	0.03	Nil	0.52	4.84	0.30	1.66	2.38	16.59
1931	2.66	0.30	Nil	0.15	1.30	0.70	0.55	0.82	1.73	4.85	1.83	4.12	26.37
1932	1.97	1.44	0.33	0.02	0.24	0.92	1.90	0.74	0.31	4.67	3.38	3.02	27.07
1933	3.59	0.20	0.10	0.02	0.03	0.33	0.14	1.17	0.31	1.70	4.60	1.59	17.61
1934	0.27	3.40	0.26	0.40	0.03	0.11	0.69	0.90	0.17	1.78	5.31	2.05	12.91
1935	0.34	0.24	0.05	0.40	0.01	0.46	1.54	0.24	0.84	1.02	3.33	2.23	14.03
1936	0.19	0.17	0.05	0.40	0.31	0.45	0.59	0.26	0.78	1.02	2.45	2.23	14.52
1937	2.19	1.38	1.70	2.13	0.35	0.27	1.69	2.26	0.94	2.68	1.85	3.23	30.63
1938	2.65	0.75	1.70	2.13	Trace	0.51	1.05	0.42	0.75	2.18	2.95	2.02	11.23
1939	1.45	0.09	0.29	0.06	0.44	0.08	0.36	0.53	0.78	0.21	0.52	1.12	8.89
1940	0.15	0.03	0.12	4.12	0.44	0.24	0.74	0.33	0.21	1.82	0.46	0.46	9.09
1941	0.37	0.16	0.02	0.37	0.13	1.18	0.55	1.31	1.87	2.59	3.88	5.92	19.79
1942	1.07	0.67	0.39	0.37	0.13	0.68	1.37	0.87	0.16	1.26	2.03	1.75	11.48
1943	2.67	0.91	0.30	0.80	5.50	0.75	0.81	0.35	0.10	1.67	1.71	7.00	31.19
1944	0.60	0.60	0.66	0.80	0.23	1.16	0.53	1.12	0.28	2.95	0.71	0.16	11.48
1945	1.43	0.72	0.27	0.69	0.61	0.31	0.82	0.54	1.19	4.34	3.31	0.16	16.64
Average													1.39

All Time Monthly Average Rainfall

NEWS ^{a n d} VIEWS



Bob Learned por ta mas pisá cu e pisca aki, ma e bestia sigur ta gané na largura. Bob (jioe di Bill Learned di T.S.D.) a cohe e piscá dia 2 di Februari. Di e sorto aki solamente 12 nan a yega di cohe den lamar rond di Aruba, y Bob por conta cu e tabatin basta suerte di logra piscé.

Bob Learned (son of Bill, of T. S. D.) may be heavier than the sailfish he caught February 2, but it has him by several feet on length. Not over 12 of these big fellows have been caught on lines around Aruba.



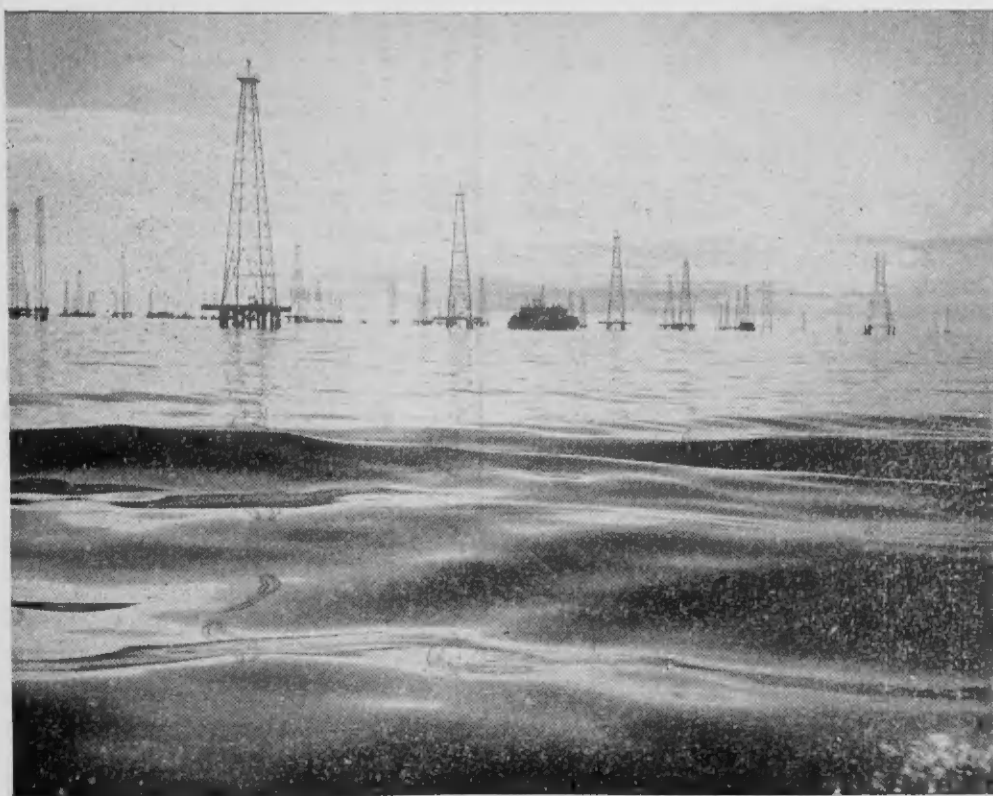
The little machine above, with F. E. Sanchez at the controls, is known as "Sulphi" and is just about the handiest thing around the Acid Plant. It feeds sulphur to the melting coils, the first step in the manufacture of sulphuric acid. The little figure shows how it was done for 16 years after the plant opened in 1929. Laboriously, a wheelbarrow-load at a time, sulphur estimated at 300,000 tons was moved this way. Now "Sulphi" moves in a few minutes as much as previously took hours.



This tall torrid girl from Texas (and more recently Hollywood) is Louise Allbritton, Universal Studios player who is "on the way up". In her last picture, "Tangier", she plays a dancer on the hunt for a Fascist war criminal. And with those eyes who could escape her?

These wells, and hundreds like them, produce the oil that runs through Lago's stills. Famous throughout the oil world, they are in the deep water of Lago Maracaibo, with the derricks on concrete piles hundreds of feet long.

Vachon



E poznan aki y hopi mas mescos ta produci e petroleo cu ta circula den stillnan di Lago. Famoso rond mundo nan ta situá den e awa profundo di Lago di Maracaibo cu nan torrenan cu tin algun cien pia di altura.



Shown below is not a Hollywood star but a telephone switchboard operator, a job in which more than one actress got her start. She is Freda Daal, one of the Hospital's telephone girls. The picture was taken by Samuel Rajroop of the Laboratory.



"Trovadores Tropicales", un grupo, don nan bunita uniforme, cu ta consisti di un canter y cinco guitaristas, a cuminzá eobra fama den Aruba. Nan a yega di toca varias bez pa Sociedad Bolivariana y pa Tivoli Club y nan tin plannan pa toca na Oranjestad, San Nicolas y Santa Cruz na principio di Maart. Sintá di roboz pa drechi: Edwin Croes di Personnel, Tali Lopez di Garage, Deo de Palm di Personnel. Pará: Jan Croes, Harold Hopmans y Simon Coronel di Hospitaal.



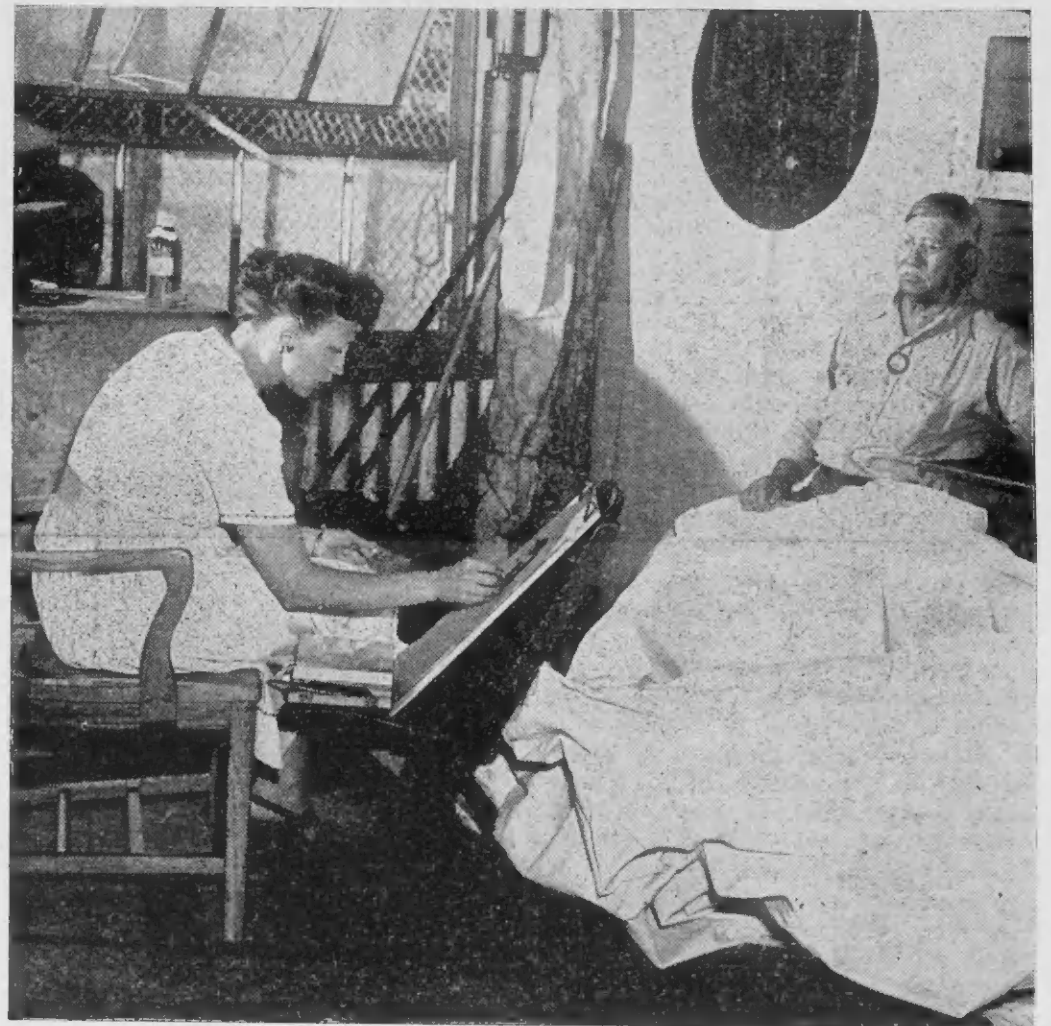
The Trovadores Tropicales, a well-dressed group of singer and five guitarists, are beginning to make their musical mark in Aruba. They have played engagements at the Sociedad Bolivariana and the Tivoli Club, and are planning shows in Oranjestad, San Nicolas, and Santa Cruz for early in March. Seated, left to right, are Edwin Croes of Personnel, Tali Lopez of the Garage, and Deo de Palm of Personnel. Standing are Jan Croes, Harold Hopmans, and Simon Coronel of the Hospital.

Make-believe was the order of the evening at the Marine Club February 9 as several hundred members and guests dressed up in assorted futilities from a rag bag. Costumes ranged from beautiful to hilarious, with prizes for the best in several classes. Shown above are the winners: left to right, Bob Schiageter (a photographer surprised finally to find himself in one of his own pictures), D. J. Rear, W. H. White, Betty Richards, Mrs. A. Kirtley, and Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Meaker.



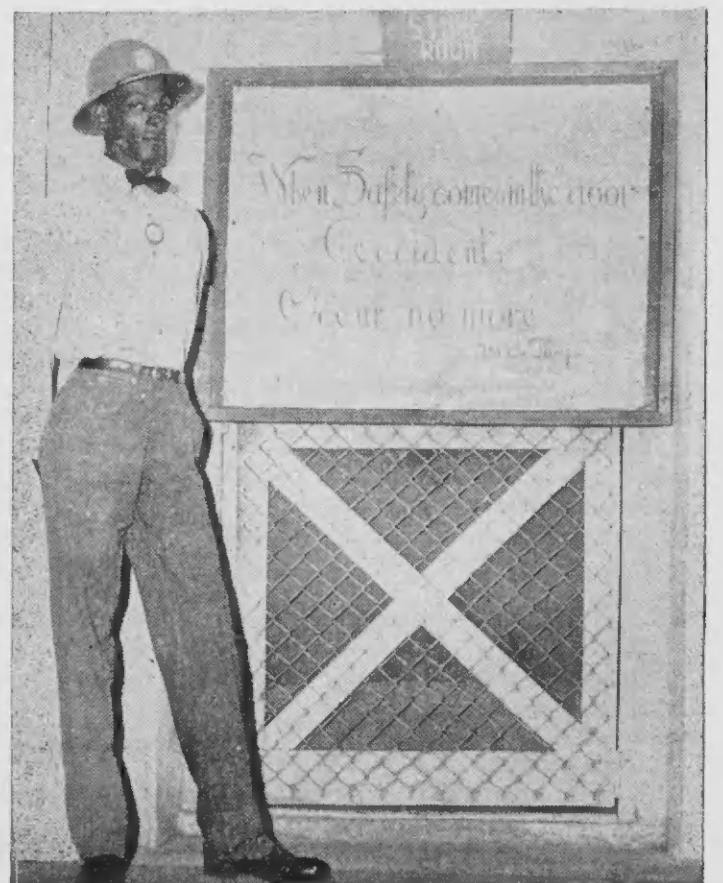
At right, Karel Penson, "salimaker" at the Drydock, poses for Bettina Steinko, New York artist. The completed portrait is reproduced on page 1.

Na banda drechi, un portret saká mientras cu Bettina Steinko, artista di New York, ta pinta portret di Karel Penson, cesadó, die bolz, na Drydock. Riba página 1 tin un reprodución di e portret henteramente ciá.



With seven boats in regular competition, and a medium to hard blow all the time, the Yacht Club keeps the lagoon full of bellying canvas and bobbing Snipes every Sunday. (Note to sharp-eyed readers: the landmarks in this picture may not be there today; it was taken early in 1944, and was in the restricted class until recently).

Morris



A part of the Lago Police Department's campaign for safety is a series of posters in their locker room, displaying safety slogans originated by men in the department. Each slogan remains on the board for a week. W. A. Thompson is shown beside his contribution, "When safety comes in the door, accidents occur no more". The lettering on the signs is done by Corporal F. O. Illidge of the L. P. D.

Show Presented by Local Club for School Band



Aki nos ta mira e hungadornan di comedia di club „Progreso i Corona” riba escenario di Teatro Cecilia, unda nan a presentá nan comedia mas reciente dia 3 di Februari. E comedia ta worde considerá como e di mihor cu nan a yega di produci. E hungadornan aki ta uni pa diez anja y nan a cobra hopi fama pa nan club den henter Aruba. Den careda di mas atras nos ta mira J. de Kort, F. Dirksz, Dechi Lange-dijk, R. Herman y C. Schwengle. Sintá nos ta mira Catarina Rasmijn, Petronilla Winterdaal, Maximina Maduro, Teresita Vroolijk, Griselda Croes, Truus Sanderinck, H. Hoyer y Bibi Sanderinck, sintá abao. Otro miembronan cu no ta den e grupo ta E. Kock, Carmen Padilla, Nicomeda Schwengle, Teresita Padilla. Na banda drechi, un portret saká bao di e comedia, na e momento cu e „Buen Hada” ta cumpli cu tur deseonan di e pareha na rudiya.



The players in the „Progreso i Corona” club are shown above posing behind the footlights of the Cecilia theater in San Nicolas where they produced their most recent show on February 3. This set of plays was considered by many to be the best they have done. These versatile players have been together for ten years and have gained fame for themselves in Aruba. Below is an action scene from one of the plays in which the Good Fairy is granting their every wish to the couple on their knees.

A half hour of band music from the S. J. F. parochial school band started the program as the „Progreso i Corona” club, made up chiefly of Lagoites, presented the eighth in a series of shows given for the benefit of various welfare works in Aruba. The show, presented at the Cecilia theater on February 3, was directed by Chris Schwengle and consisted of three one act plays. It was produced to raise money to buy new instruments for the parochial school band.

First on the evening's entertainment was a one act comedy entitled **Curiosidad**, the Papiamentu story of how a poor girl's curiosity spoiled the possibility of a wonderful carefree life for herself and her husband. By not heeding the instructions of a good fairy who had granted the couple their every wish, the young wife and her woodcutter husband had to go back to a life of hard work.

The second of the plays, also in Papiamentu, was called **Biljetchi Robez**, and told the tale of wishful thinking of some serving maids who bought themselves lottery tickets. One of them was so sure that she was going to win that she had spent practically all of the money in advance. As it turned out she had not read the number on her ticket correctly and just as happened in the first play she didn't get her life of luxury.

A Spanish play, **Virtue Triumphs**, was the finale and the feature of the evening. In it were depicted the trials and tribulations of a banker's son and a penniless young girl who wanted to get married. The boy's father threatened to disinherit him if he married the girl, but his threats meant nothing and the marriage took place. Later the father forgave them and everyone was happy.

In the ten years since it started in 1936, „Progreso i Corona” has produced eight plays of different kinds. The group now has 16 members.

Curaçao's famous pontoon bridge had a bad day last Sunday when it was smashed by a Spanish ship. The ship was turning in midstream and when its anchors gave way it struck the bridge bow-on near the center, crushing it at that point and tearing it loose from the shore mooring. It is estimated that repairs will take at least two months and cost upwards of \$125,000.

Comedia Presentá pa Beneficio Di Banda di School Parroquial

Música di banda di school parroquial S. J. F. a habri programa, ora cu club „Progreso i Corona”, cu ta consisti mas parti di emleadonan di Lago, a presentá No. 8 di un serie di comedias pa varios doelman caritativo. E comedia, presentá na teatro Cecilia dia 3 di Februari, tabata bao di dirección di Chris Schwengle. Nan a hungé pa produci fondonan pa cumpra instrumentonan nobo pa e banda di school parroquial.

Di promé riba programa tabata un comedia den un acta, titulá **Curiosidad**, un storia na Papiamentu di un muchamuhér cu pa via di su curiosidad a perde e posibilidad di un bida facil y tranquil pé cu su casá. Pa via cu e no a sigui instrucciónan di un bon hada, cu a duna e pareha tur loque nan tabata deseá, e muchamuhér y su casá, cu tabata kapdó di palo, mester a bolbe na un bida di trabao duru.

E segundo comedia tabata na Papiamentu tambe, titulá **Biljetchi Robez**; esaki tabata storia di algun sirviente cu a cumpra biljetchi. Un di nan tabata asina convencí cu e lo gané cu el a gasta casi tur e placa di antemano. Despues a bin resultá cu el a lesa e number robez y mescos cu den e promé comedia, e tampoco no por a hiba un bida di luho.

E finale tabata un comedia na Spañó, titulá **Virtud ta Triunfá** y esaki tabata e mihor número di e anochi. E comedia aki ta conta storia di un jioe-homber di un panadero y un muchamuhér mas ha pober cu kera casa cu otro. E tata di e jonkuman a menazá di desinherité si e mester hera casa cu e muchamuhér, pero su menazanan tabata por nada y apesar de todo e matrimonio a tuma lugá. Despues e tata ta pordoná nan y tur a keda biba feliz.

Durante e diez anjanan di su existencia „Progreso i Corona” a produci 8 comedia di diferente tipo. Actualmente e grupo ta consisti di 16 miembro.

SAFETY PAYS
Seguridad ta lo Miho

Fighter Plans Comeback

Sports fans will soon be seeing a rejuvenated Juancito, according to Alvin Mathews of Utilities. Alvin is Juancito's new manager and his hopes for his newly acquired fighter are high.

Since 1937 when he started fighting, Juancito, also known as Juan Holman of the Drydock, has had only a fair record, but under Mathew's wing he has hopes of making a strong comeback. Mathews is betting that the lack of a supervised training program and the absence of proper coaching were the main difficulties with Juancito. Mathews hopes to provide these and bring his boy back into the limelight.

Scout and Scoutlets Celebrate Big Week

The Colony's 30 Boy Scouts and 50 Cubs celebrated the anniversary of their groups February 4 to 9 with the annual Scout Week that has been observed for the last several years. A varied program of stunts, trips, and entertainment made it a special occasion for the boys.

On the first day Scouting was featured in an assembly program arranged by Principal Ira Hoffman at the School. Sam Evans and Reverend Dawe were speakers.

Two days later was "honor day" for the top boys in both groups. Two boys were given a closeup of operations when Walter Buchholz spent the day with Technical Superintendent J. M. Whiteley, and Warren Carroll "worked" in the Marine Department. Meantime five Cub Scouts with the best records, James Baggaley, Sam Evans, Jack Horigan, John Pakozdi, and Dominic Macrini, had an hour's trip on the tug. Late in the morning all the honor boys, with a group of Scout leaders, attended a regular meeting of the Operating Committee.

Friday night's feature was a jamboree at the old Legion Hut, with stunts and exhibitions. Saturday morning over 50 boys piled into buses for a tour of the refinery; in the afternoon the boys were scheduled to play softball against the American Legion, but the oldsters failed to show up. (Scared, may be?) That night all Scouts (including Girl) were guests at a free movie.

The week ended Sunday with church services in San Nicolas and Lago Colony where the boys were special guests.



Above, honor boys among the Cub Scouts transfer to a launch for the return to shore after an exciting hour aboard the tug „Delaplanc”. Below, Boy Scouts and Cubs touring the shop area watch intently as James Richards of the Carpenter Shop operates a power saw. Both trips were part of the Scout Week recently observed by the Lago Colony troop.



Trans-Atlantic Flights Planned Between Curaçao and Holland

Air travel made another forward stride recently with the landing of a Douglas DC-4 Skymaster at Hato Field, Curaçao on February 17, inaugurating a series of Trans-Atlantic flights between Holland and the Dutch West Indies. The regular weekly flights, which will begin on February 24 or 25, are scheduled to carry up to 24 passengers in both directions. The route the first plane took carried it from Amsterdam to Lisbon, from there to Dakar, across the South Atlantic to Natal and by way of Paramaribo to Curaçao.

These flights are being carried out by KLM for the Netherlands Transportation Service and the planes are chartered. It is hoped that shortly after they are completed, a regular public air service will be established between Holland and the West Indies.

This flight was a far cry from that of the „Snip” in 1934 when it made its survey flight from Amsterdam to Curaçao over a somewhat different route. It was on this survey that the first mid-Atlantic crossing was made. No passengers were carried that time, for the „Snip” was made a „flying gas tank” in order to make the long over-water hop.

Peace Versus War is Question At Lago Heights Club Debate

„The world is benefitted more by war than by peace”. That was the weighty topic argued in a debate on the evening of February 14 at the Lago Heights Club.

The subject was approached from the scientific side, with the affirmative arguing that war brought greater benefits to the world in the field of science than peace, and the negative arguing that the reverse was true. Competition was keen and the judges, after calculating the points due both sides, arrived at a draw. The audience was invited to vote it out and the decision went to the upholders of peace. An interested audience heard the debate and the concensus was that it was a complete success.

Arguing for the affirmative was P. G. Branch, supported by F. Gilkes. For the negative, W. Mills, supported by I. Chin. The judges were R. Lowhar, T. Mungal, and acting as Chairman and judge was B. K. Chand.

The followers of argument will find a mock trail on the Lago Heights Club calendar, scheduled for March 8.

Among thousands of new synthetic chemicals from petroleum is one that makes pineapples ripen faster.